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New look

We have updated and modernized the look of Focus on stamps for the 1/2018 issue. The design is now in line with Swiss Post's new CI/CD, and top priority was given to ensuring that it is clear and simple. You will now find a large picture of the first-day cover for every stamp theme, with the relevant range of products outlined in a clear table. As always, you will still find out everything you need to know about special stamps, as well as all the technical information.

Cover image: Ralph Stöckli, Chef de Mission of the Swiss delegation in Pyeongchang, with the "Swiss Olympic 2018" special stamp.

Dear Reader

As the new Head of Stamps & Philately, it is a great pleasure to present the first issue of 2018. The new stamp year is getting off to a spectacular start thanks to the "Swiss Olympic 2018" special stamp. This stamp is Swiss Post's way of wishing the Swiss Olympic delegation the best of luck for the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. The stamp motif was developed in cooperation with Swiss Olympic and shows the ski jumping hills and cheering spectators.
One organization that already has cause to celebrate is Suva: the Swiss National Accident Insurance Fund will be 100 years old this year. In recognition of this landmark anniversary, we are dedicating a special stamp to the organization.
As well as the Suva centenary, we have a whole series of other anniversaries for you in this issue. One such example is the Swiss League Against Rheumatism, which for 60 years has been committed to helping more than two million individuals affected by the condition. Another organization that does good for society is Swiss Mountain Aid, which has been supporting mountain populations for three quarters of a century, helping them to achieve better living conditions. We then roll back the years even further to 1893, the year the Schynige Platte and Wengernalp Railways were founded. Both companies are celebrating their 125th anniversary this year. The last stop on our journey through time is 1843, a milestone year for philately: the first Swiss stamps, Zurich 4 and Zurich 6, were issued 175 years ago. Lucerne-based graphic designer Fabienne Angehrn has illustrated this major anniversary with a bold special stamp.
Another significant topic is Switzerland's diverse cultural heritage, which is being celebrated nationally in 2018 with various events aimed at rediscovery.
The latest stamp issue is rounded off by four cute forest animal motifs.

I hope you will find this issue an enjoyable read and thank you for your loyalty.

Claudia Frankl
Head of Stamps & Philately

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No.	Value	Description
4	**3.70**	**Special stamps 50 years Ballenberg**
	0.85	Rüschlikon
	0.85	Vals
	1.00	Cugnasco
	1.00	Lancy
1	**1.00**	**Special stamp** UCI MTB World Championships 2018
1	**1.50**	**Special stamp with surcharge** NABA Lugano 2018
1	**1.00**	**Special stamp** Hornussen
2	**2.00**	**Special stamps EUROPA – Bridges**
	1.00	Trift Bridge, Gadmental
	1.00	Spreuer Bridge, Lucerne

No.	Value	Description
2	**2.75**	**Special stamps with surcharge Pro Patria – Fortresses and castles of Switzerland**
	0.85 + 0.40	Hagenwil Water Castle
	1.00 + 0.50	Romont Castle
1	**1.00**	**Special stamp** 175 years Swiss Pharmacists' Association
1	**1.00**	**Special stamp** 125 years Stanserhorn Railway
1	**2.00**	**Postal card** 125 years Stanserhorn Railway
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Help us choose the 2018 Christmas stamps

In a customer survey carried out in November 2017, we found out what motifs people wanted to see on the Christmas stamp set. Their replies were the basis for a briefing given to three selected designers.

We have now received three very different, exciting drafts and would like to give you the opportunity to have your say. With a bit of luck, your chosen draft will be part of the set. Vote from now until 9 February 2018 at **postshop.ch/focus-on-stamps-online**.

While you're there, you can also take part in the prize draw for ten signed Christmas 2018 block of four first-day covers.

Stamp Day 2017

As is the case every year, "Stamp Day 2017" was one of the highlights of the last stamp year. The level III exhibition was held at the Centre sportif des Champs de la Joux in Sainte-Croix between 24 and 26 November 2017. The event was organized by the club Société Philatelique Sainte-Croix, which celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2017. It was opened to the sound of musical entertainment with the cutting of an oversized cake.
The numerous visitors had 69 exhibits to peruse.
In keeping with tradition, Swiss Post was represented at the event with a special post office. Once again, the cancellation service proved extremely popular. Collectors were also able to marvel at and purchase fascinating collectors' items from stamp dealers, sometimes even completing gaps in their collections.
The miniature sheet designer Tessa Gerster was hard at work signing autographs, while the next generation was able to gain a better understanding of stamp collecting in the youth corner.

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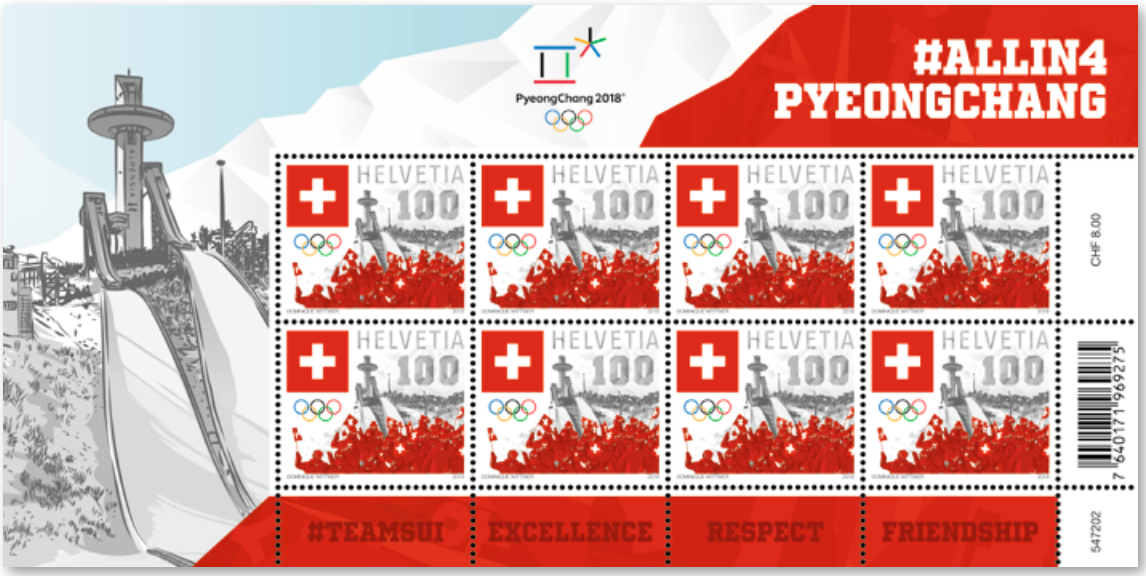
Special stamp

Swiss Olympic 2018

In celebration of the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, Swiss Post has issued the "Swiss Olympic 2018" special stamp. The official Swiss Olympic delegation was announced on the issue date, 29 January 2018.

The whole of Switzerland is simmering with excitement ahead of this event: in just a few days, on 9 February, the 2018 Winter Olympics will open in Pyeongchang, South Korea. These will be the third Winter Games to be held in Asia after Sapporo (1972) and Nagano (1998). Switzerland is of course once again represented by a prestigious delegation. The whole country will be crossing its fingers when more than one hundred competitions are staged across seven different sports and fifteen disciplines.

That's reason enough for Swiss Post to issue a "Swiss Olympic 2018" special stamp. It will be officially presented at the Swiss Olympic press conference. The stamp is based on Swiss Olympic's visual identity and should be met with great interest among specialist Olympic collectors. However, many Swiss people will undoubtedly also seize the opportunity to show their support for our athletes. Swiss Post would also like to wish them every success!



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 29.1.2018 to 31.3.2019 Branches: from 29.1.2018 while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 29.1.2018
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheetlet: 192×95 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¾:14
Design	Dominique Wittwer, Berne

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A194 150	A194 550	1.00
Block of four	A194 160	A194 560	4.00
Sheetlet of 8 stamps	A194 311	A194 351	8.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A194 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A194 630	4.90
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A194 590	9.20
Unstamped covers C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm)	 A194 700 A194 701		 0.90 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A194 640	A194 650	1.80

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Important note!
The "Swiss Olympic 2018" special stamps and additional products are available for delivery effective immediately. Please note that orders also containing other products from the 01/18 issue will not be dispatched until 1 March 2018.

If you would like to receive "Swiss Olympic 2018" stamps and products sooner, you will need to order them separately. A processing fee of 7 francs will be charged for orders under 15 francs.

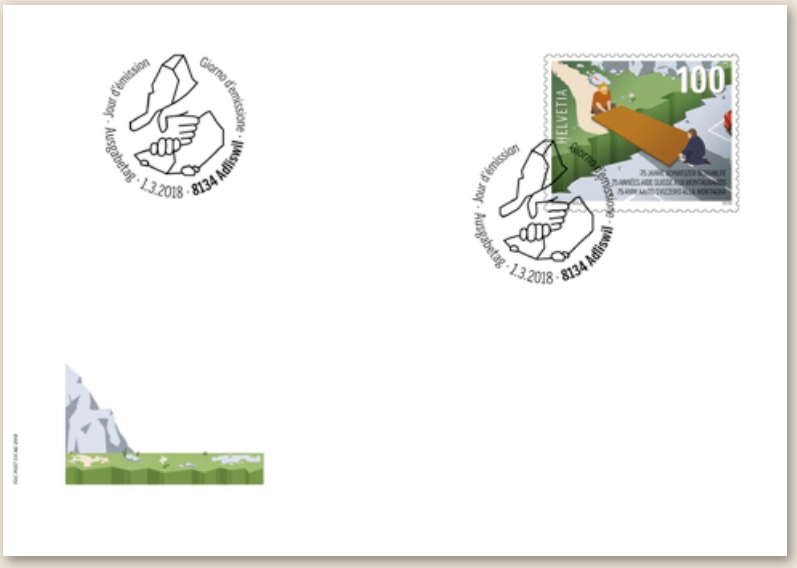
Special stamp

75 years Swiss Mountain Aid

For 75 years, Swiss Mountain Aid has been promoting an economic, natural and social environment for Switzerland's mountain communities. The special stamp to mark its anniversary symbolizes solidarity and bridge-building between cities and mountain regions.

Swiss mountain residents should also be able to find their future in their homeland – that is what Swiss Mountain Aid strives to achieve. The politically and denominationally neutral organization was founded in 1943 and is financed exclusively by donations.
Mountain populations should be able to live in a secure, economic, natural and social environment. Behind this thinking is the conviction that only lively mountain regions can represent a living space and cultural homeland while at the same time offering natural experiences and relaxation. For this reason, Swiss Mountain Aid supports a wide range of projects and initiatives and, in doing so, is effective in helping people to help themselves. In emergencies, the organization also provides quick and "unbureaucratic" help.
The illustration of the commemorative stamp symbolizes solidarity between cities and mountain regions; as such, it represents bridge-building and the path to committed cooperation.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A199 150	A199 550	1.00
Block of four	A199 160	A199 560	4.00
Sheet of 16 stamps	A199 111	A199 511	16.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A199 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A199 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A199 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A199 640	A199 650	1.80



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information

Sales	Philately: from 22.2.2018 to 31.3.2019 Branches: from 1.3.2018 while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 1.3.2018
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 40×32.5 mm Sheet: 192×163 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:13½
Design	Barbara Seiler, Glis

60 years Swiss League Against Rheumatism

The "60 years Swiss League Against Rheumatism" special stamp is the result of a design competition. Using dynamic illustrations, it addresses the topic of movement, an important component of all rheumatism therapy.

"Rheumatism" is a collective term for a variety of conditions affecting the musculoskeletal system which between them constitute the most widespread disorder in Switzerland. A total of around two million Swiss citizens are affected. Contrary to popular opinion, rheumatic disorders affect people from all age groups: one to two children in 1,000 live with arthritis. The Swiss League Against Rheumatism, founded in 1958, is committed to helping the individuals affected, and provides advice, training and aid to doctors and anyone else who is interested.
As movement is a central component of all rheumatism therapy, topics such as movement, activity and sport needed to be in the foreground of the stamp's design. The special stamp also shows stylized people of no particular age engaging in sporting and everyday activities. The use of lines makes the image more dynamic. Together, the figures form a circle which appears to be rolling along, creating the impression that they are sharing in an activity.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A200 150	A200 550	0.85
Block of four	A200 160	A200 560	3.40
Sheet of 20 stamps	A200 111	A200 511	17.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A200 580	1.75
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A200 630	4.30
Unstamped cover C6	A200 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A200 640	A200 650	1.65

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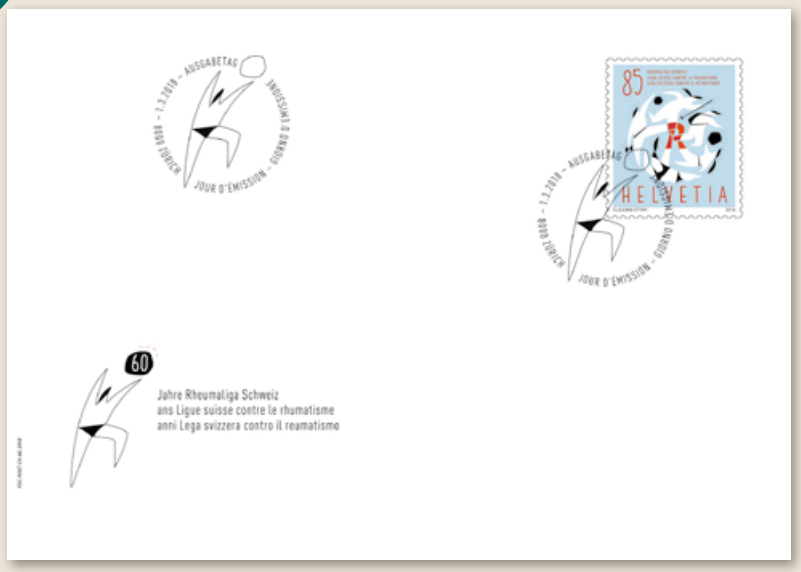

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 22.2.2018 to 31.3.2019 Branches: from 1.3.2018 while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 1.3.2018
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheet: 140×194 mm (5 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Claudine Etter, Berne

125 years Schynige Platte Railway

125 years Wengernalp Railway

125 years Schynige Platte Railway and Wengernalp Railway

In 1893, two cogwheel railways in the Bernese Oberland made their maiden voyages: the Schynige Platte Railway and Wengernalp Railway. The sheetlets with both special stamps symbolizes a travel diary from the past.

The Wengernalp Railway leads along the Kleine Scheidegg mountain pass from Grindelwald and Lauterbrunnen, giving an almost tangible mountain panorama of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. In winter, it's the lifeblood of the Jungfrau ski region between Grindelwald and Wengen. The Schynige Platte Railway starts in Wilderswil and climbs up to a viewing platform called Schynige Platte – Top of Swiss Tradition, which lies at 1,967 metres above sea level. Although the two railways are based on the same cogwheel system, they are completely different. The Schynige Platte Railway still runs every day with nostalgic locomotives and coaches. Even the tickets are designed to reflect tradition. The Wengernalp Railway, meanwhile, has an ultra-modern look, with its traction vehicles offering passengers a panoramic view as it brings them to the Jungfrau – Top of Europe.

The special stamps are available in two sheetlets which together resemble a travel diary: lying side by side, they appear to be bound by rings. The background is a panorama of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. On the stamps themselves, both railways are depicted in a realistic fashion.

Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 22.2.2018 to 31.3.2019 Branches: from 1.3.2018 while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 1.3.2018
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheetlet: 192×95 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¾:14
Design	Fabienne Bertschinger, Niederweningen

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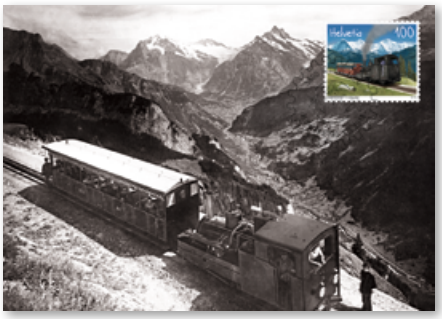

"Schynige Platte Railway" maximum card

"Wengernalp Railway" maximum card

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A201 150	A201 550	2.00
Set of blocks of four	A201 160	A201 560	8.00
Sheetlet of 8 stamps			
1.00 Schynige Platte Railway	A201 311	A201 351	8.00
1.00 Wengernalp Railway	A201 312	A201 352	8.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A201 580	2.90
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A201 600	3.80
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A201 630	9.80
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5			
1.00 Schynige Platte Railway		A201 591	9.20
1.00 Wengernalp Railway		A201 592	9.20
Unstamped covers			
C6 (162×114 mm)	A201 700		CHF 0.90
C5 (229×162 mm)	A201 701		CHF 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A201 640	A201 650	2.80
Maximum cards			
Set of two maximum cards, A6 format, featuring the "Schynige Platte Railway" and "Wengernalp Railway" motifs, with the corresponding CHF 1.00 special stamps (plus CHF 1.00 per card). Cancelled with the first-day cancellation.		A201 851	4.00
Picture postcards			
Set of two picture postcards, A6 format, at CHF 1.00 each, with the motifs "Schynige Platte Railway" and "Wengernalp Railway" (without stamps)	A201 911		2.00

Great spotted woodpecker

Red squirrel

Roe deer

European badger

Special stamps

Animals of the forest

Four well-known and popular forest animals decorate a beautiful set of special stamps: the great spotted woodpecker, red squirrel, roe deer and European badger will easily win the hearts of the local population.

Following in the footsteps of some rare and even endangered animals which have appeared on Swiss stamps in the recent past, four endearing forest animals found across the whole country can be seen frolicking on Swiss postal items in 2018: the great spotted woodpecker (85 centimes) is the most widespread species of woodpecker. Its brain is fitted with shock absorbers so that it hammer on tree trunks without doing itself any damage.
Nobody is immune to the charm of the red squirrel (1 franc). Red squirrels can jump distances of up to five metres, with their bushy tails acting as rudders.
The roe deer (1.50 francs) is the most common hoofed animal found in the wild in Switzerland. With around 320 million olfactory cells, this cute animal can smell a person from up to 400 metres away.
The European badger (2 francs) is a member of the mustelid family and can grow up to a metre in length, including its tail. Although they may seem sedate, the European badger can reach a top speed of 30 kilometres per hour.

Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 22.2.2018 to 31.3.2019 Branches: from 1.3.2018 while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 1.3.2018
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 82×198 mm (5 rows of 2 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Sonja Burger, Wildegg

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A197 150	A197 550	5.35
Set of blocks of four	A197 160	A197 560	21.40
Sheet of 10 stamps			
0.85 Great spotted woodpecker	A197 361	A197 381	8.50
1.00 Red squirrel	A197 362	A197 382	10.00
1.50 Roe deer	A197 363	A197 383	15.00
2.00 European badger	A197 364	A197 384	20.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A197 580	6.25
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A197 600	8.95
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A197 630	25.00
Unstamped cover C6	A197 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A197 640	A197 650	6.15
Picture postcards			
Set of 4 A6 picture postcards at CHF 1.00 each, with the motifs "Great spotted woodpecker", "Red squirrel", "Roe deer" and "European badger", plus 4 "Red squirrel" special stamps at CHF 1.00 (not affixed).	A197 841		8.00

Set with 4 picture postcards

#culturalheritage2018

The Swiss Year of Cultural Heritage is being launched with the hashtag #culturalheritage2018 and the slogan "Look closely!". It is taking place under the patronage of Federal Councillor Alain Berset. Swiss Post is supporting the event with two special stamps.

The cultural heritage year is part of the European Year of Cultural Heritage, organized by the EU and the Council of Europe. It is sponsored by 25 national organizations; the main partner is the Federal Office of Cultural Affairs.
Switzerland's collective cultural heritage will take center stage thanks to numerous events throughout the year. The aim is to promote an awareness of history and ancestry. Cultural heritage is a part of our environment, telling stories and forging identity – and new heritage is also being created all the time. For the two special stamps, the Bernese designers Franziska Schott and Marco Schibig have selected a very old object and a contemporary building: the 85-centime stamp shows an archaic pot which seemingly comes from a lake dwelling dating back to the Neolithic era, while the one-franc stamp depicts Peter Zumthor's Sogn Benedetg chapel from 1989. Both motifs achieve a sense of photographic realism thanks to their intense colours. The design is simple, clear and powerful.

Prehistoric pot / underwater archaeology

Sogn Benedetg chapel, Surselva

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A202 150	A202 550	1.85
Set of blocks of four	A202 160	A202 560	7.40
Sheet of 20 stamps 0.85 Prehistoric pot / underwater archaeology 1.00 Sogn Benedetg chapel, Surselva	 A202 111 A202 112	 A202 511 A202 512	 17.00 20.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A202 580	2.75
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A202 600	3.65
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A202 630	9.20
Unstamped cover C6	A202 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A202 640	A202 650	2.65

Set on first-day cover C6

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Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheet: 140×194 mm (5 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Franziska Schott and Marco Schibig, Berne

Special stamp

100 years Suva

Suva began operations in 1918 and is now an indispensable part of Switzerland's social security system. A special stamp is being issued to mark its 100th anniversary.

After new working environments were created by industrialization, a plan to introduce health and accident insurance was embedded in the Federal Constitution in 1890. In 1912, the Confederation commissioned the establishment of the Swiss National Accident Insurance Fund. Although delayed by the First World War, Suva became operational in 1918. Its mandate included providing mandatory accident insurance for the vast majority of workers and ensuring occupational safety in the factories it insured. Over time, other services relating to prevention, insurance and rehabilitation have been added. Only since 1984 have all employees been required to be insured against accidents. Today, 128,000 companies and two million people (half of Switzerland's workforce) are insured with Suva.
The illustration on the special stamp shows typical objects from a building site. The Suva headquarters in Lucerne, which were built in 1914–15, can be seen in the background.

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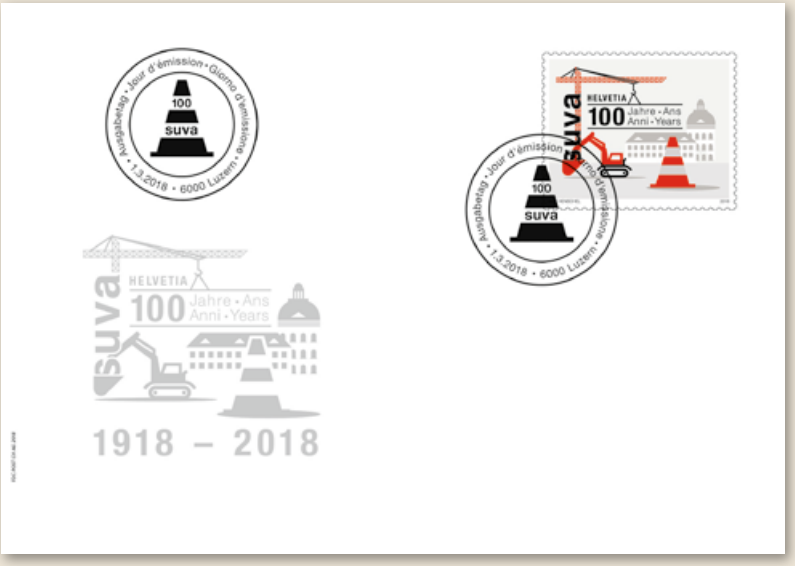
Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A203 150	A203 550	1.00
Block of four	A203 160	A203 560	4.00
Sheet of 16 stamps	A203 111	A203 511	16.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A203 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A203 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A203 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A203 640	A203 650	1.80



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Validity	Unlimited from 1.3.2018
Printing	Offset, 5-colour, plus UV varnish; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 40×32.5 mm Sheet: 190×160 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Max Henschel, Berne

Special stamp with surcharge

175 years of Swiss stamps

The Swiss stamp is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2018. The country's first two stamps, Zurich 4 and 6, adorn the one-franc special stamp issued for this occasion. The national colour, red, was intentionally chosen as the background of the cantonal stamps.

On 1 March 1843, Switzerland issued the Zurich 4 and Zurich 6 stamps, and in so doing, became the second country in the world after the United Kingdom to introduce a postage prepayment system. This made Switzerland one of the pioneers of this revolutionary idea for postal services. Following on from the Zurich cantonal stamps, the Double Geneva was issued in the same year, and the famous Basel Dove arrived two years later.
After the foundation of the Swiss Confederation, the Rayon stamps, which were valid nationwide, were issued in 1850. Since then, all letters within Switzerland have been franked with stamps.
The special stamp, issued in honour of the 175th anniversary of Swiss stamps, has a face value of 1 franc and a surcharge of 50 centimes. The surcharge goes to the foundation for the promotion of philately and will help finance a special exhibition dedicated to this anniversary which is being held in the Museum of Communication in Berne from 2 March to 8 July 2018. The exhibition will include some particularly rare examples of the first Swiss stamps.

Postal card

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 22.2.2018 to 31.3.2019 Branches: from 1.3.2018 while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 1.3.2018
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 40×32.5 mm Sheet: 190×160 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Fabienne Angehrn, Lucerne

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A198 150	A198 550	1.50
Block of four	A198 160	A198 560	6.00
Sheet of 16 stamps	A198 111	A198 511	24.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A198 580	2.40
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A198 630	6.90
Unstamped cover C6	A198 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A198 640	A198 650	2.30
Postal card			
Face value CHF 1.50 (1.00 + 0.50) + CHF 1.00 for the card	A198 841	A198 846	2.50

extreme! – special exhibition at the Museum of Communication in Berne
A veritable "treasure trove" of the most significant items of old Swiss philately, such as the "biggest items", "rarest objects" and "most expensive pieces", awaits visitors – it will quite simply be extreme!
The exhibition will impart a wealth of information thanks to numerous exhibits on all areas of philately and on the creation and production of a stamp. It will feature drafts of several stamps, extraordinary collections and collection areas, youth philately and thematic philately, as well as video presentations from collectors and information about looking after stamps. It's certainly worth a visit!

Place: Museum of Communication, Helvetiastrasse 16, 3000 Berne, Switzerland
Opening times: 2 March to 8 July 2018, Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can find more information at: **mfk.ch/en**

International stamp exhibitions 2017

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Last year, Swiss Post had a sales stand at six philatelic exhibitions abroad.

17–18 March 2017
Milanofil 2017 in Milan (IT)

11–13 May 2017
27th International Stamp Fair in Essen (DE)

25–27 August 2017
Multilateral Hertogpost 2017 in 's-Hertogenbosch (NL)

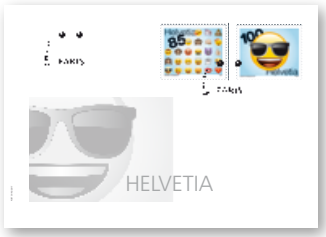
26–28 October 2017
International Stamp Fair in Sindelfingen (DE)

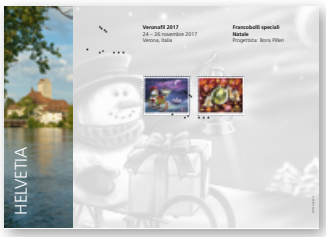
9–12 November 2017
71st Autumn Philatelic Exhibition in Paris (FR)

24–26 November 2017
Veronafil 2017 in Verona (IT)

Special covers and cards were issued for each of these events and sold at the venues. Were you unable to attend all the stamp exhibitions? No need to miss out! You can order the products now as a set.

Product	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Exhibition cards		
Year set with 6 A5 cards from the Milan, Essen, 's-Hertogenbosch, Sindelfingen, Paris and Verona stamp fairs	A196 450	17.60
Exhibition covers		
Year set with 6 C6 covers from the Milan, Essen, 's-Hertogenbosch, Sindelfingen, Paris and Verona stamp fairs	A196 451	17.60



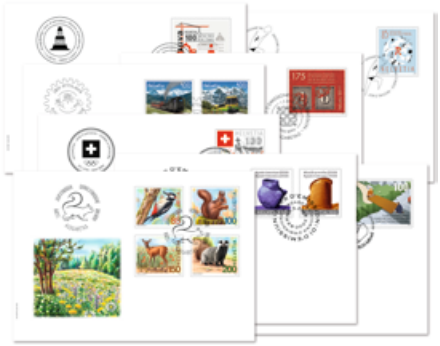


Exhibition cards

Exhibition covers

Colourful stamps

2017 year set



Set of first-day covers, 1/2018 issue

Annual and special products	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Set of single stamps, 1/2018 issue			
The single stamps and sets in the 1/2018 issue are displayed on a free A5 backing card and protected with cellophane wrapping	A195 150	A195 550	14.55
Set of first-day covers, 1/2018 issue			
The first-day covers with single stamps and sets in the 1/2018 issue are combined in one free cover		A195 580	21.75
2017 year book			
Representing a valuable record of our times, the year book presents all Swiss stamps and first-day cancellations for 2017, along with an exclusive black print, on over 100 pages in four languages (De/Fr/It/En)	A180 830	A180 831	69.00
2017 year set			
All Swiss stamps for 2017, clearly laid out on four handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve	A179 320	A179 820	60.25
2017 year set of first-day covers			
All 28 first-day covers (FDCs) for 2017 – including the single stamps, sets or miniature sheets with the respective first-day cancellations		A179 530	85.85

2018 stamp catalogues	Art. no.	Price in CHF
Zumstein		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2018, German/French	A168 725	35.00
Swiss stamp catalogue		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2018, German/French	A168 787	37.00
The stamp catalogues can be delivered in Switzerland and Liechtenstein only.		

Product	Art. no.	Price in CHF
Collector starter set (German)		
Everything you need for collecting stamps packed in a yellow rucksack (41×33 cm): collection poster with instructions on how to collect stamps (A3), display cards, drying book, magnifying glass, tweezers, perforation gauge, used stamps for soaking off, stamp catalogue, information about subscribing.	1558 901	29.00
The stamp collector starter set can be delivered in Switzerland and Liechtenstein only.		

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Jubilee commemorative Swiss coin

„125 years railway Brienz-Rothorn“!

Ø 30 mm

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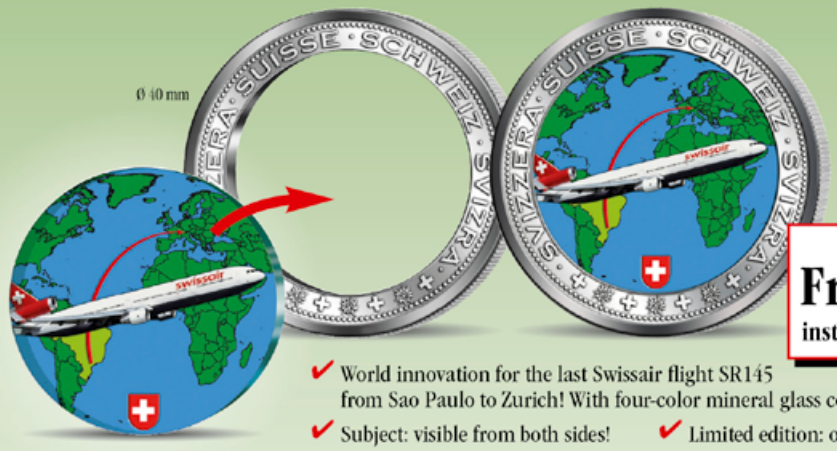

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First „Lederhosen“-stamp with Swarovski crystals!

New!

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The first glass stamp!

Original size: 32 x 45 x 2 mm

- ✔ New special stamp from Austria „Virgin of Pity under the Cross“! (in mint condition)
- ✔ Official limited edition of only 140.000 samples!

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First embroidery-stamp dirndl-shaped!

- ✔ The first official embroidery-stamp from Austria, dirndl-shaped!
- ✔ About forty meters of thread have been used to realise this tiny philatelic piece of art!
- ✔ Fine new quality!

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